

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

**Security Committee**

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MEMORANDUM FOR: PPG/OS

ATTENTION:

FROM:

Deputy Director for Community Affairs

SUBJECT:

Charter Legislation Title IV

1. The Security Committee and the Community Security Group continue to have problems with the use of the term "minimum" in Title IV Sec 403 (a) (7) which calls for the DNI to "...establish minimum security standards for the management and handling of information and materials relating to intelligence sources and methods."

2. Reasons: This permits each department and agency to increase the security requirements when they believe it in their best interest.

These increased security regulations are then promulgated as conditions of receipt of intelligence by other departments and agencies. This results in conflicting and confusing security requirements when one considers that more than 80% of the intelligence collected and published is shared throughout the Community.

In our opinion this language reduces the authority of the DNI.

This language is in conflict with the language of E.O. 12036 which calls for the DCI to promulgate "common security and access standards" which the security community labored long and hard to get written into authority.

The use of the term "minimum standards" is not the choice of senior security officers throughout the Intelligence Community. At a meeting of the Security Committee in February on the Huddleston Bill, S. 2284, they reaffirmed the desire for the language in E.O. 12036.

3. Recommendation: Adopt the language of the E.O. 12036.

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